

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3629

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 15, 1991

Prescription of Fuel Surcharge on)
Interstate Taxicab Rates)

Case No. MP-90-18


By Order No. 3586, served November 14, 1990, the Commission prescribed a fuel surcharge of 75¢ for all taxicabs transporting passengers interstate between points in the Metropolitan District, applicable only when one person or one preformed party was being transported. The surcharge was based upon evidence that the approximate average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline in the Washington area had risen from \$1.016 in September 1989, to \$1.415 in October 1990. The fuel surcharge became effective November 19, 1990, and was to remain in effect for one year, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

The Commission now has before it credible evidence, provided by AAA Potomac, that beginning about the same time the surcharge became effective, the approximate average price of a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline in the Washington area gradually declined. By the end of November 1990, it was \$1.398; by the end of December 1990, it was \$1.356; by the end of January 1991, it was \$1.213; and by the end of February 1991, it was \$1.104. The evidence further indicates that the decline has continued into the month of March 1991.

Accordingly, it appears that the incremental cost of fuel no longer supports the continuation of the 75¢ fuel surcharge.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the interstate taxicab fuel surcharge of seventy-five cents (75¢) per trip prescribed by Order No. 3586 is hereby terminated, effective Saturday, March 23, 1991, at 4:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS WORTHY, SCHIFTER, AND SHANNON:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director